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**To:** Benson, Chad (MSHDA)  
**Subject:** Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Benson,

I write regarding the LIHTC program and specifically, the issue of MSHDA making changes related to the priorities of the tax credit "Qualified Allocation Plan" (QAP).

I fully support that 30% be set-aside in order to develop housing for persons who are homeless and/or for special needs populations, and that 10% of the units be targeted to incomes at or below 30% AMI.

It is critical that we consider this kind of creative and intentional support for homeless and special needs populations. The concept of earmarking a portion of the tax credits for this population is congruous with the state's commitment to ending homelessness and is an essential step in helping to achieve that goal.

We applaud MSHDA for its leadership in this regard and we enthusiastically endorse the plan.

Sincerely,

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